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LOK SABHA

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PITIABLE CONDITIONS OF SALT WORKERS
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the pitiable condition of salt workers in the country especially in Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether they are deprived of housing facilities and other facilities like PPF/EPF; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) to (c): The implementation of the various labour laws for the welfare of labour including labourers employed in the salt industry is the responsibility of the respective State Governments. The Central Government is supplementing efforts of the State Governments including State of Gujarat by extending financial assistance to execute various labour welfare schemes which inter-alia includes labour housing. The Employees` Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 is applicable, inter-alia to licensed salt industry in which 20 or more persons are employed.